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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 543

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION To recognize Mr. Lester Dale Crews on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Lester Dale Crews is one such estimable person who on June 30, 2001, ended a rewarding 38-year career as a teacher, coach and principal in Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, Dale Crews was born on June 23, 1942, the only son of the late Lester H. Crews and Lottie Austin Crews, and brother to Hilda Evans, Leona Miller and Jeanne Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Dale began his education at Scotts Hill School in 1948 and completed high school at Sardis in 1960. He then attended Freed-Hardeman College; and

WHEREAS, After receiving an Associates Degree, he began his illustrious teaching career, returning to Sardis High School in July 1963; he worked and continued his education, completing a Master's Degree plus 45 hours; and

WHEREAS, Dale also continued the family business of farming and growing produce for his neighbors and area merchants, a business he continues to operate today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crews is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic activities. His work in both sports and education has contributed greatly to the success of many students in Henderson and Decatur Counties; and

WHEREAS, Dale is fortunate to share the love and support of his devoted wife of 37 years, Nancy Bridges Crews, and of this blessed union two children were born, Jennifer Crews Harris and Jeffery Dale Crews. They also have four grandchildren: Sydney, Elena, Chase and Bryce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crews also contributes his time and numerous talents to the Austin Chapel Church of Christ. This congregation was established by his great-grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Austin in 1872; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crews exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true native son of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Crews has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Dale Crews our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.